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NAVAL MEDICAL COMMAND
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NAVMEDCOM INSTRUCTION 5450.9

From: Commander, Naval Medical Command
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research Institute,
Naval Medical Command National Capital Region, Bethesda,
MD

Subj: Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD; mission
and functions of

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5450 ser 09B2E3/313988 of 14 Sept 1983 (Canc
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Encl: (1) Functions of the Naval Medical Research Institute,
Bethesda, MD

1. Purpose. To promulgate the functions to be performed by the
Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD in support of the
mission promulgated by references (a).

2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 5450.53C.

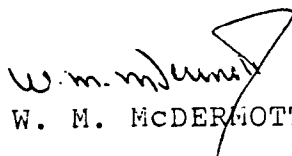
3. Mission. To conduct research, development, test, and
evaluation to enhance the health, safety, and readiness of Navy
and Marine Corps personnel in the effective performance of
peacetime and contingency missions, and to perform such other
functions or tasks as may be directed by higher authority.

4. Status and Command Relationships. The Naval Medical Research
Institute, Bethesda, MD is a shore activity in an active (fully
operational) status under a commanding officer and under the
command of COMNAVMEDCOM, exercised through the Commanding Officer,
Naval Medical Research and Development Command, Bethesda, MD.
The Naval Medical Research Institute is subject to the area
and regional coordination authority of the Commandant, Naval
District, Washington, DC.

5. Action. In the accomplishment of the assigned mission,
the Commanding Officer of the Naval Medical Research Institute,
Bethesda, MD shall ensure performance of the functions set forth
in enclosure (1). The Commanding Officer of the Naval Medical
Research Institute, superiors in the chain of command, and the

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Commandant, Naval District, Washington, DC are requested to advise COMNAVMEDCOM (MEDCOM-311) of any recommended modifications to the mission or functions of the Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD.


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FUNCTIONS OF THE
NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
BETHESDA, MD

1. Functions. As directed by the Commander, Naval Medical Command and exercised through the Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Research and Development Command, Bethesda, MD:

a. Provide a basic and applied research competence in infectious disease, diving and hyperbaric medicine, casualty care and environmental stress, and human factors directly related to military requirements and operational needs.

b. Maintain a program of basic biomedical research in areas of military importance to develop knowledge in anticipation of future problems.

c. Provide a scientific potential for the application of new biomedical knowledge to operational problems and requirements.

d. Provide a source of scientific advisors and consultants readily available to the operational commands.

e. Provide biomedical research capabilities to support field laboratories, naval hospitals, and other naval activities in problems beyond their capabilities.

f. To the extent it is in consonance with the institute's mission, provide support to the Naval Medical Command, National Capital Region; Naval Health Sciences Education and Training Command; and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

g. Serve as an effective instrument of the U.S. Foreign Policy by initiating and continuing action programs which promote positive relations between the command and foreign nationals and which assist individual naval personnel and their families to work effectively, live with dignity and satisfaction, and function as representatives of the Navy and of the United States while overseas.

h. Provide or undertake such other appropriate functions as may be authorized or directed by higher authority.